

# MORNING BREAK

## STOCK MARKET INDEX

**FBMKLCI**
**1852.27**
**+0.34**

**+0.02%**
**SHANGHAI**
**3075.03**
**-42.94**

**-1.38%**
**NIKKEI**
**22394.29**
**+74.68**

**+0.33%**
**DJIA**
**24322.34**
**+238.51**

**+0.99%**
**FTSE**
**7241.43**
**+42.11**

**+0.57%**


## BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

### LOCAL

Pusat Sehati Gabem-RISDA bantu usahawan kembangkan perniagaan (*Utusan*)

Facebook perkenal 'Marketplace' di Malaysia (*Sinar*)

Malaysia Venture Capital Management Bhd (MAVCAP) to set up two investment funds for startups (*The Edge*)

HSBC: Malaysia has been growing above its potential for the past 4 years (*NST*)

Capitalise on foreign demand with dollar sukuk (*Malaysian Reserve*)

### GLOBAL

Singapore gears up to be Asean gateway for German firms (*Business Times*)

Chip wars - China closing in on second US\$19 billion semiconductor fund (*Channel NewsAsia*)

Amazon's sellers are going global, helping the company generate big profits (*CNBC*)

How short sellers built a business on security bugs (*Bloomberg*)

China orders local governments to ease burden on renewable power firms (*NST*)

## COMMENT

### LABOUR FORCE SURVEY REPORT, MALAYSIA, 2017

Labour force in Malaysia increased 2.0 per cent to nearly 15.0 million persons in 2017 as compared to 14.7 million persons in 2016. The increase in labour force was contributed by 286,300 employed persons.

Labour force participation rate (LFPR) in 2017 increased 0.3 percentage points to 68.0 per cent as compared to 67.7 per cent in 2016. Hence, the remaining 32.0 per cent of the working age population were outside labour force. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate in 2017 remained at 3.4 per cent. This shows that the country's economy is still operating in full employment that is unemployment rate below 4.0 per cent.

For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM

**ECONOMIC INDICATOR**
**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY**

Actual

15mil person

Coverage

2017

Previous

14.7mil person

Frequency

Yearly

Data Release

Apr/18